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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence
THROUGH : Chief, Sino-Soviet Bloc Area
FROM : Chief, China and Asian Satellites Division
SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation [] Mission C245C
Flown on 30 April 1965

1. This mission was flown over the coastal areas of Southeast and East China. The overall cloud cover was about 50 percent. Only a few important targets could be read-out in detail. There was apparently no fighter reaction to the mission. No new SAM sites were detected.

2. Five coastal airfields were covered. Three of these are located at Foochow, Luchiao, and Ningpo--all important fighter bases. The air-order-of-battle at Luchiao and Ningpo has not changed substantially since the last coverage of the fields [] There is about a regiment of jet fighters--33 MIGs--at Ningpo and less than a regiment--14 MIG's--at Luchiao. No aircraft were discernable at Foochow's Nantai airfield because of the cloud cover. []

3. Several important naval bases were covered. At the Hou-so-cheng naval shipyard in the Ningpo area two unidentified type submarines were noted. No submarines of any description were noted there in the previous coverage [] The important Tinghai naval base and shipyard in the Choushan Islands was photographed. A number of small craft and two destroyer type vessels were noted. These are probably two RIGA class destroyer escorts which were noted there in the earlier mission [] Several other smaller naval installations were covered but nothing of significance was noted.

4. A number of army barracks and several radar sites were covered in this mission but no significant developments were disclosed.

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